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FIRST-TIME AUTHOR OFFERS GRIPPING, HONEST MEMOIR AS TEEN MOTHER

Each year approximately 500,000 babies are born to teen mothers. What happens to these young women? Society tells us their lives are over.

Nicole Lynn Lewis, 27, offers a courageous portrayal of life as a teenage mother in her newly released book, *Glori* – a breakthrough memoir and success story of putting herself through college as a 19-year-old with a newborn.

In *Glori*, readers follow Lewis through the tremendous difficulties as well as the rewarding triumphs of surviving – and succeeding – on her own with a baby. Lewis found herself in a situation similar to that of many teen mothers with elements of homelessness, poverty, oppressive relationships, drugs, violence, isolation and doubts. However, what follows is what makes Lewis' story unique. Through relentless work, sacrifice and bull-headed determination, Lewis goes on to earn two degrees, purchases her own home and pursues a rewarding career.

Pat Paluzzi is the President & CEO of the Healthy Teen Network – a national membership organization working to support teen parents – and has written the forward for the book.

“Nicole’s story of raising a child on her own and pursuing her college degree no matter the costs, is one of courage, perseverance and ultimately joy,” said Paluzzi. “It will no

doubt ring true for many of today's young girls faced with similar choices and obstacles.”

Lewis' work could not be more relevant. Planned Parenthood reports that approximately 30 percent of American girls will get pregnant before the age of 20. Lewis hopes that *Glori* will encourage them to continue to work toward their goals despite having a child or to start making goals, not only for themselves, but for their families.

“So many people told me my story needed to be out there because there aren't enough examples of teen mothers beating the odds,” said Lewis. “I wrote this book to inspire young moms who might not have anyone saying to them ‘You can do it’ and also for women – and people in general – to read something powerful about believing in yourself no matter what people say and despite what statistics show.”

An experienced writer and communicator, Lewis captures the uncertainties and anxieties of coming-of-age through crisp, simple language and vivid description. Whether you are a teen parent, single parent, parent of a teen or just an avid reader, *Glori* will inspire you to “dream big.”

About the Author

Lewis is currently promoting the book through signings and media appearances. She is also speaking to various audiences on topics ranging from how to survive as a young mother to achieving your goals. *Glori* is available online at www.amazon.com and www.barnesandnoble.com and through bookstores nationwide. For more information on Lewis, her latest projects, upcoming appearances, etc., please visit her website www.nicoleink.com. To arrange a book signing or interview, contact Nicole Lynn Lewis at 757.561.7787 or nicole@nicoleink.com.

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